

IV. Claims 14-15 and 20-21, drawn to methods of diagnosing or screening for a disease, classifiable in class 435.

ELECTION

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 3-13, 16-17 and 19 without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional or related application to the claims of non-elected groups.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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